

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Yu MINAKUCHI et al.

Application No.: 09/149,216

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For: APPARATUS FOR MANIPULATING AN OBJECT DISPLAYED ON A
DISPLAY DEVICE BY USING A TOUCH SCREEN

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 12, 2000, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please AMEND the claims as follows:

11. (AS UNAMENDED) A method for simulating manipulation of an object utilizing a displayed image of the object, said method comprising the steps of:

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sensing touching contact relative to the displayed image of the object, the touching contact simulating a manipulation of the object, and outputting touch information corresponding to the sensed touching contact and changes of the touching contact;

detecting, from the output touch information, characteristics of said touching contact including the selected location on the object image of the touching contact and changes of the touching contact and recognizing therefrom the corresponding object manipulation simulated thereby; and